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AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121) DATED APRIL 19, 2004

Sir:

On April 19, 2004, the PTO issued a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment indicating that only 71 claims were pending in the application. However, it appears that the PTO had not entered the Preliminary Amendment filed along with the present application on September 5, 2000. Applicants contacted Ms. Butler at the PTO regarding the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and the non-entered Preliminary Amendment.

Pursuant to a telephone conference with Ms. Butler on May 13, 2004, Applicants were informed that the Preliminary Amendment has been located and will be entered. Accordingly, Response to the Restriction Requirement submitted on April 5, 2004 is believed to have been in compliance with the PTO Rules. Ms. Butler informed Applicants that we may disregard the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 19, 2004 as it is being withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. It is believed that no fee is presently due; however, should any additional fees be required (except for payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Jenkins & Gilchrist, P.C. Deposit Account No. 10-0447, Order No. 47171-00125USC2.

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